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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Setting up of College
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Sheohar district in Bihar is extremely backward from the educational point of view and does not have a single degree college or technical institutions;
(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(c) the efforts made by the Government to raise the literacy rate and establish technical institutions in the said district?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): Sheohar District in Bihar is included in the list of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs), identified on the basis of 2001 Census, which had Gross Enrolment Ratio less than the national average. Education being in the concurrent list, the creation of new institutions is the responsibility of both Central and State governments. However, recognizing the need for central support for achieving the aims of access, equity and excellence by strategically funding the State higher education system, a centrally sponsored scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented during the XIIth Plan. A State Higher Educational Plan (SHEP) has to be prepared by the States/UTs which have to be appraised and approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA for availing the central Share under the scheme. Under RUSA the central assistance is provided for construction of new Model Degree Colleges (MDCs) in uncovered EBDs, and new Colleges (Professional & Technical) by the States/UTs. For the XIIth Plan period, the Cabinet had approved a target of 60 MDCs for RUSA. As on date, the target number of MDCs for the 12th Plan period have been approved.
Saakshar Bharat Programme was initiated in the Sheohar district of Bihar during the year 2010-2011 for implementation of Saakshar Bharat Programme in 34 districts of Bihar including Sheohar district for improving the literacy rate. 1961 Saaksharta Kendras (Literacy Centres) are being run by each Panchayat Swayamsevak (Panchayat Volunteers). A total of 106 Preraks (females- 56 and males-50) are engaged in total 53 Adult Education Centres (AECs) of Shoehar district in Bihar.
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